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Now, therefore, be it resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners in convention assembled at Memphis, Tennessee, this 15th day of September, 1950, that we urge the Secretary of the Interior to deny the application for the removal of these oyster shells.

13.

#### **Federal Department of Natural Resources**

Whereas, this Association is on record in favor of the creation of a Federal Department of Natural Resources, substantially as recommended by the task force on natural resources of the Hoover Commission, and by the minority report of the Commission; and

Whereas, the consideration of this proposal by Congress may take much time because of controversies over the different proposed methods of reorganization of the federal agencies concerned; and

Whereas, there is general agreement among conservationists on the urgent need for the immediate creation of a federal agency with power to review all projects involving the development and use of waters and other natural resources, in order to coordinate such projects and prevent waste, and secure adequate consideration for wildlife, recreation, and all other public interests affected;

Therefore be it resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners, as follows:

(1) We reaffirm our support for the creation of a Federal Department of Natural Resources as expressed by previous resolutions;

(2) Without waiting for action on other proposals for reorganization of federal agencies, we urge Congress to provide immediately for the creation of a board of review with power to deal with all projects involving the development or use of natural resources, substantially as recommended by the minority report of the Hoover Commission and its task force on natural resources.

14.

#### **Appreciation of Courtesies**

RESOLVED that the members of the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners, assembled in the Fortieth Annual Session, in Memphis, Tennessee, express our most sincere thanks and appreciation:

To His Excellency, Gordon Browning, Governor of Tennessee, for his assistance in making this Conference so highly successful, by his inspirational message to the joint meeting of this International Association and the American Fisheries Society;

To the Tennessee Valley Authority, for planning and carrying out the delightful field excursion to Pickwick Dam;

To John D. Findlay, Director of the Tennessee Department of Conservation, and to members of his staff, for the splendid arrangements and assistance provided for the members in attendance at the Conference; and

To the management of the Peabody Hotel, for the courteous and pleasant service rendered.

(The following comment was made by Mr. Ruhl of Michigan on Resolution No. 2 before it was adopted.)

**Mr. Ruhl:** I have no particular quarrel with the idea of disposing of this \$13,000,000 surplus. I question whether it is desirable to fix a minimum of \$10,000,000 from the floor. If the collections should continue to go to \$10,500,000 for several years, I am not sure that we want a formula, except for the excess which has been collected and not appropriated, the \$13,000,000 surplus.

(The following comment was made on Resolution No. 5 before it was adopted.)

**Mr. Wilson:** Mr. President, I was responsible for Resolution No. 5 being laid aside for discussion, not because I have any specific objection to the proposal on its merits, but because of the fact I wondered whether it is really within the scope of the activities of this Association, and whether by adopting such a resolution we might not be involving ourselves in something outside of our field. It seems to me that it doesn't deal so much with any controversial matters as with the broad question of economics and international affairs. I